TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL MEMORANDUM



SB 2087 – HB 2087

April 1, 2014

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Prohibits any governmental entity from obtaining the location information of an electronic device without a search warrant except under certain circumstances. Creates a Class C Misdemeanor for violation of the provisions of the legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant

Other Fiscal Impact - Due to unknown variables, a precise mandatory increase in local government expenditures cannot accurately be determined.

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (015487): Adds a provision clarifying that the provisions of the bill do not apply to any smart meter gateway device and identifies circumstances when government entities may obtain location information of an electronic device without obtaining a search warrant first.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- According to the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, the provisions of the bill as amended will not result in any significant fiscal impact to the agency.
- According to Court Clerks, the County Technical Assistance Service, and the Municipal Technical Advisory Service, the provisions of the bill as amended will not result in any significant impact to local government.
- Based on information provided by the Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police, the provisions of the bill as amended will increase the time to obtain a search warrant, which

will result in an increase in local government expenditures for man hours. However, due to multiple unknown variables such as the cost for each man hour, the extent of new warrants required, and the extent of man hours that will be required for each warrant, a precise mandatory increase in local government expenditures cannot reasonably be determined.

• Any additional fine revenue collected by local government as a result of violation is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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